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Pacific Northwest Region - Malheur NF  
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## ***Malheur National Forest Christmas Tree Permits Available***

**JOHN DAY, OREGON** - The Malheur National Forest Offices are now selling permits to harvest Christmas trees from the National Forest.

Permits can be purchased for \$5.00 during the listed times from the following federal building locations:

- Malheur National Forest Supervisor's Office, 431 Patterson Bridge Road, John Day – Open Monday through Friday 7:45 to 4:30.
- Prairie City Ranger District, 327 SW Front Street, Prairie City – Open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed from 11:30 to 12:30 for lunch.
- Emigrant Creek Ranger District, 265 Hwy 20 South, Hines – Open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed from 11:30 to 12:30 for lunch.

Offices are open Monday through Friday. Emigrant Creek Ranger District will also be open on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

A validated permit must be attached to each tree that is transported, with a maximum of five trees per household.

Permit holders can harvest any tree species shorter than twelve feet on National Forests. They cannot cut trees within Forest Service nurseries and plantations, or within 150 feet of highways or 300 feet of streams.

Christmas tree harvesters can find pine trees at lower elevations, and firs and cedars in higher country.

Instructions printed on permits give additional information about Christmas tree harvesting. Forest Service officials also recommend the following:

- Check weather and road conditions before departing.
- Dress warmly, pack water, food, tools and a first-aid kit.
- Let friends know your travel plans and expected return time.
- Equip party members with a signal whistle and be aware of each other's location.
- Drive a well-maintained vehicle that is fully equipped for winter driving.

For more information on Christmas tree permits, call 541-575-3000 (John Day), 541-573-4300 (Burns/Hines), or 541-820-3800 (Prairie City).



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